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LIST OF HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGETS

1. The list of 31 highest priority targets for TALENT collection against the principal objective, USSR, is attached. As in previous lists, the priority interest centers on the ICBM, the heavy bomber, and nuclear energy. However, the principal emphasis with regard to ICBM is the question of deployment. At the moment, this objective transcends all others. In the main, it is expressed in this target list in terms of the search of sections of rail lines which are judged to be, among the total of USSR rails, the most likely related in some way to ICBM deployment and which are short enough in length to be considered as a terminal objective within operational capabilities. Targets which are almost certainly to be covered if the given rails were searched are listed under each rail target. These specific geographic points vary in their importance, some individually capable of sustaining the highest priority label by themselves. In any given case, the significance of all the individual targets subtended should assist in weighing the desirability for recommending missions as circumstances require.

2. The possibility of the association of long range air bases or air frame plants with missile activity has heightened our interest in the bomber question. It could well be that future coverage of long range air bases would cause us to include long range air bases covered three and four years ago prior to the extended serial production and deployment of the ICBM.

3. The limited role which nuclear energy plays in the list may be attributed to the past coverage which has been fairly extensive in terms of nuclear energy installations as well as the role of collateral in reducing our ignorance of critical questions. However, there are specific nuclear energy interests and, again, it may well be that the passage of time may cause us to wish to reexamine already covered installations.

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4. In addition to the remarks above regarding rails, it should be noted that in the attached list there are several area targets. to whit: [REDACTED] representing interests which are not confined to single [REDACTED] and where search is required to discover whether suspected developments exist.

6. This paper is for reference and is not intended, in its present form, to indicate an order of priority within itself. Such distinction would be the subject of specific recommendation by the ARC when required.

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Chairman
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OACSI TCO (cy 1)
ONI TCO (cys 2, 3, 4)
AFCIN TCO (cys 5, 6)
NSA TCO (cy 7)
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OCI TCO (cy 10)
OSI TCO (cy 11)
ORR TCO (cy 12)
[REDACTED] (cy 13)
Director, PIC (cy 14)
CIA TSO (cy 15)
SO/Admin Br/DPD-DD/P (cy 16)
DD/P TCO (cy 17)
C/DMD/PIC (cy 18)
C/SRS/DPD-DD/P (cys 19, 20)

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